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| THE REPLY FILED 08 September 2002 FAILS TO PLAC<br>Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to ave<br>final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1)<br>condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal<br>Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.   | oid abandonment of this application application abandonment of the contraction of the con | ation. A proper reply<br>h places the applicati   | to a<br>ion in   |
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| 1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR   |  |   |  |
| $2. \boxtimes$ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered be  | ecause:  |   |  |
| (a) X they raise new issues that would require furthe  | er consideration and/or search (s  | see NOTE below);  |  |
| (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note be  | elow);   |   |  |
| (c)  they are not deemed to place the application in<br>issues for appeal; and/or  | ı better form for appeal by mater  | rially reducing or sim  | plifying the   |
| (d)  they present additional claims without canceling  | ng a corresponding number of fi  | nally rejected claims   |  |
| NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.  |  |   |  |
| 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection  | on(s):   |   |  |
| Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would loanceling the non-allowable claim(s).  | be allowable if submitted in a se  | parate, timely filed a  | mendment   |
| 5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for application in condition for allowance because:   |  | dered but does NOT  | place the  |
| <ol> <li>The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered becaraised by the Examiner in the final rejection.</li> </ol>   | ause it is not directed SOLELY to  | o issues which were   | newly  |
| 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(<br>explanation of how the new or amended claims wo  |  |   | ıd an  |
| The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:   |  |   |  |
| Claim(s) allowed:  |  |   |  |
| Claim(s) objected to:  |  |   |  |
| Claim(s) rejected: <u>31-35 and 37-45</u> .  |  |   |  |
| Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:   |  |   |  |
| 8. The proposed drawing correction filed on is a   | a)☐ approved or b)☐ disappr  | oved by the Examine   | er.  |
| 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statemen   |  | EDDIE LEE<br>SUPERVISORY PATENT   |  |
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Continuation of 2. NOTE: The limitation "a plurality of contiguous top surfaces", as presented in the amendment, sets forth subject matter which was not considered in the finally rejected claim and hence presents new issues which require further consideration and/or search...